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For: METHOD, SYSTEM AND PROGRAM FOR  
AUTHENTICATING RECORDING  
MEDIUM, AND COMPUTER READABLE  
RECORDING MEDIUM

Examiner: F. Traore

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1), each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited by a Japanese Patent Office Communication for the Japanese patent application No. 2003-328640. The communication is dated October 16, 2007, which is not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS. A copy of the communication is attached hereto. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and English abstracts in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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